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Foulards, 18 inches wide, 80c yard; 23 inches wide, 50c yard.
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Silks are two high lustre fabrics that are exceptionally handsome & valuable at 75c yard.
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JAMES H. DOOLEY ON C. & O. BOARD

Understood Here That He and Fred W. Scott Will Be Elected Directors To-Morrow.

That Major James H. Dooley and Frederick W. Scott, of this city, will be elected directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company at the meeting of the board in New York to-morrow is the general impression here. As President George W. Stevens, Vice-President Decatur Axtell and General Counsel Henry T. Wickham are to be retained on the board, the election of Major Dooley and Mr. Scott would give Richmond a majority of the directors. John P. Green and Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Martin Erdman, T. P. Fowler and W. G. Oakman, of New York, are the directors who, it is said, will be forced out of the board by the new owners. Edwin Hawley and Frank Trumbull will be made directors. Who will be elected to fill the fifth vacancy is not known at this time, but F. A. Vanderbilt and H. E. Huntington, of New York, are being mentioned in this connection. President Stevens left last night for New York, and he will preside at the meeting of the directors to-morrow. When asked last night if he would go to New York to attend the directors' meeting, Mr. Scott declined to reply. It is believed, however, that he will leave for New York to-day.

No credence is given here to the report sent out from Pittsburgh Monday night to the effect that the Standard Oil Company controls the Chesapeake and Ohio through the Hawley syndicate. President Stevens said that so far as he knew there was no one in Pittsburgh who had authority to make any such statement, and Mr. Scott characterized the report as absurd. The Standard Oil Company owns the Virginian Railway, and local people declare that for that reason the company would not try to get control of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

The recent issue of \$30,000,000 in bonds which was made by the directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio was unanimously ratified and approved by the stockholders at a special meeting yesterday. President Stevens presided, and sixteen stockholders, representing 10,075 shares of stock, were present. A total of 442,246 shares was represented by proxy.

After adjourning the issue of bonds, the stockholders adjourned to meet again at noon on Thursday, February 18, provided a second meeting is necessary in connection with the bond deal.

CAR COMPANY WINS

No Damages Awarded Passenger Who Left Car Without Paying His Fare.

A verdict "for the defendant" was brought in by the jury in the Law and Equity court yesterday in the suit of Walter H. Goodman against William Northrop and Harry P. Wickham, receivers of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company. Goodman was a passenger on a Manchester car leaving on the morning of June 24, 1908, from Seventh and Broad Streets, with a transfer from a Broad Street car. When the car arrived at Seventh and Arch Streets, where he wished to alight, the conductor had not come to the car or applied for his transfer. Mr. Goodman, in a fit of anger, laid the transfer slip in the seat, as he stepped from the car. In the presence of other passengers, he claimed the conductor charged him with attempting to avoid payment of his fare, and an altercation ensued, in which hot words were exchanged. In his bill of complaint Goodman charged that the conductor, still standing on the running board of the car, caught hold of him and after a struggle, threw him to the ground. A physical assault was not proved, however, and the jury, after brief deliberation, decided that the company was not liable for damages. Goodman sued for \$10,000.

COLLEGE COMMISSION

Prominent Educators Meet Here and Discuss Expansion of School.

The College Commission, which was named several months ago by Governor Swann, under an act of the State Legislature, to devise ways and means for the expansion of the educational institutions of Virginia, met yesterday morning at the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Eggleston. The commission was in session several hours, and various educational matters and projects were discussed. Superintendent Eggleston presided, and the following members were present: Dr. Edward A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; J. L. Jarman, of the State Female Normal School; Dr. Charles M. Hays, of the Medical College of Virginia; Dr. W. W. Smith, of Randolph-Macon College; and Senator E. E. Holland, of Suffolk. The only member absent was Speaker R. E. Byrd, who was detained by illness.

Some unknown country driver yesterday morning knocked down a iron pole supporting a police patrol and a fire box on Fourteenth Street and made his escape without stopping. The official searched high and low for the culprit, but without success.

PUT ON PROBATION FORFEIT OF TERM

Richmond College Students Did Not Haze Youngster, Who Frightened Them Away.

As a result of a hazing prank on Friday night last, a number of students at Richmond College were yesterday put on probation for the remainder of the term, the understanding being that a further demonstration on their part would lead to prompt dismissal from the institution. Being in a good-natured frame of mind the young men promenaded through the dormitory corridors, and while calling a student to come from his room and join them, were startled when a bullet from a revolver was sent crashing through the upper part of the door. Surprised at this unexpected turn of affairs, the marching band dispersed. When the matter was reported to the authorities an investigation was made, all being interviewed and all expressing regret at the occurrence. The wild-bunch hazers and the man who fired the revolver went on the probation list. It was said yesterday that everything had been amicably adjusted, and that the matter had ended there.

GRAND LODGE MEETS

Masons From All Parts of Virginia Attend 131st Communication.

With delegates from practically every lodge in the State, the 131st communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, presided over by Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, grand master, met at the Masonic Temple last night. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected to-morrow. It is understood that Grand Master Eggleston will surely work for re-election, so there will be no change in the grand officers below him. It was also decided to drop the injunction, after consultation with Messrs. Sam and Lee Schubert, owners of the American rights to the play, over the long distance telephone. They advised that nothing calculated to bring them or the franchise company into disrepute be done, and that particular commands against issuing the proposed injunction. It was their policy to allow the small storm of protest and indignation, rather than to raise a tornado that might bring the house down about their ears.

ALUMNI TO BANQUET

Local Alumni and Mary Students Feast To-night at Commonweal.

Local alumni of William and Mary College will hold their annual banquet at the Commonwealth Club to-night at 8:30 o'clock. Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Eggleston, Jr., will act as toastmaster. Dr. J. Leslie Hall and Assistant Professor George Ferguson, of the city ambulance, are present, and B. M. Hughes, of Norfolk, president of the board of visitors, is expected. Plates will be laid for twenty-five or thirty people.

RAN OVER WOMAN

J. W. Jackson (Colored) Arrested After Wrecked for Reckless Driving.

Marie Valentine (colored) while trying to cross a railroad track last night was knocked down and run over by a wagon driven by J. W. Jackson (colored). She was lifted up and carried out of harm's way, and Dr. Sterrett, of the city ambulance, was called. She was only slightly injured, the main hurt being a sprained ankle. Jackson was later arrested on a charge of reckless driving.

MUCH MAIL STUFF GOES WRONG WAY

Thousands of Letters Directed Again or Sent to Dead Letter Office.

Postmaster Royall E. Cabell yesterday completed his report of the local post-office for January, showing about 10,500,000 pieces of mail matter handled in the month, or a daily average of 324,614, which is slightly in advance of the average for January of last year.

Of the total amount handled, 57,413 pieces of mail came into the local office with incorrect or insufficient address, necessitating special inquiry, reference to directing office or redirection and forwarding. A daily average of 1,750 pieces of mail were corrected or redirected. Letters which were clearly misdirected averaged 723 a day, showing the carelessness of that section of the American public. Six special clerks are kept at work in the local office attending to the mistakes and carelessness of the public, with temporary lists of persons stopping in the city for a limited time. During January this department writers 10,101 letters because of the insufficiency of address; corrected and forwarded 3,450; held 1,750 for postage, and sent 8,134 to the dead letter office, besides correcting and delivering locally about 35,000 on which there was incorrect or insufficient address.

"BLUE MOUSE" SUPPRESSED AFTER ONE PERFORMANCE AT ACADEMY

Mayor, at Request of Citizens, Orders Management to Pack Trunks and Go.

THEN CROWD SOUGHT TICKETS

Threat of Injunction Not Carried Out, So Last Night's Audience Had to Disperse.

Acting on the complaint of Chief of Police Werner and numerous citizens that the play was too immoral to be shown, and after consultation with several other leading citizens of Richmond who had witnessed the first production in this city, Mayor Richardson yesterday afternoon issued an order restraining the management of "The Blue Mouse" from putting on the farce again at the Academy of Music last night.

The Mayor dictated letters to both Leo Wise, manager of the Academy of Music, and to Major Werner, as follows: "The firm of Sam and Lee Schubert, Incorporated, should be a guarantee to any community that the plays they offer for its approval are morally, artistically and scenically perfect productions. They control and manage such stars as Madame Nazimova, E. H. Sothern, Julia Marlowe, Lulu Glaser and numerous others who stand prominently as the greatest performers in America. 'The Blue Mouse,' which has met with such enormous success in New York, has been praised by the press and the public everywhere. The company which appeared in Richmond last evening is one of the best."

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MILICENT EVANS, Leading woman in "The Blue Mouse."

this morning before the Mayor and a committee of citizens, who would be given the power to expurgate all that they thought might contaminate the minds of the young and the unsophisticated.

To the sophisticated and the blasé "The Blue Mouse" would not then have been worth the seeing. But, after all the flurry and fluster was over, and a calmer view was taken, it was decided to obey the edict and to let the matter rest in the minds of those who had seen the play and in the anticipation of those who had not been so blessed—or cursed.

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FOR SEGREGATION OF EPILEPTICS IF BONDS ARE SOLD

State Board of Charities and Corrections Urges Establishment of Separate Colony.

Resolutions urging the establishment at the earliest practicable time of an independent and separate colony for epileptics confined in the State insane asylum and private homes throughout Virginia were adopted yesterday morning by the State Board of Charities and Corrections at a meeting in the Capitol building. Members of the board recently inspected the asylums, and they declare that it is absolutely necessary for the epileptics to be separated from the insane.

Following is the full text of the resolutions: "Resolved, first, That the State Board of Charities and Corrections, in view of the large number of epileptics in the various hospitals of the State, and feeling convinced that these unfortunate should be segregated from the insane, puts on record its conviction that there should be established at the earliest practicable date an independent colony for epileptics."

"Second, That there is also urgent need for such a colony to provide for the many epileptics in the various private homes scattered throughout the State."

President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University, presided at the meeting, and the other members present were Rev. Joseph T. Mastin, secretary; P. A. Irving and J. Alston Cabell, of Richmond, and S. C. Hatcher, of Farmville. L. P. Stearnes, of Newport News, was the only member absent.

PEGRAM A BANKRUPT

Owes Many Small Bills to Richmond Stores, With No Assets.

Thomas H. Pegram filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court yesterday, his statement showing no assets whatever. Liabilities are placed at less than \$1,000, being made up of a note to the Capitol Savings Bank, endorsed by John Biley, for \$200; secured claims to installment houses, \$175; and unsecured claims to many furniture, clothing and drug stores, amounting in all to \$550.50.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

Stockholders of Broad Street Bank Hold Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Broad Street Bank the following officers and directors were elected: W. M. Habbema, president; J. W. Rothert, first vice-president; John G. Walker, second vice-president; Andrew B. Glover, cashier. Directors—J. H. Elliott, H. P. Grinnell, Andrew M. Glover, W. M. Habbema, Leon Dettelbach, L. H. Kaufman, Raphael Levy, M. E. Marquess, G. W. Minter, John Murphy, W. S. Rhoads, J. W. Robert, Julian W. Tyler and John G. Walker.

Works for Weather Bureau. Colonel W. O. Skelton, secretary and treasurer of the Business Men's Club, will represent the board of directors of that organization before the Board of Commissioners when the question of the site for the Weather Bureau comes up, and will urge that the site be given, and thereby take no chance of its being lost to the city.

Meetings of Mothers' Club. There will be a general meeting of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at Central School. All mothers are urged to be present.

Legal Steps Being Taken by New Citizens in East and West Ends.

While reports submitted to a meeting of the Clay Ward Annex League last night showed a sufficient fund in hand to defray the costs of the proposed suit against the city for failure to comply with the terms of the annexation act, the league decided to postpone drastic steps for the present, especially to await the outcome of the plan to issue school bonds now pending before the Committee on Finance. The league expressed its determination to make the city deal with the annexed territory on the terms of the annexation act, and if necessary will vigorously prosecute an action against the city for failure to comply with the terms of that act. In expending in the new section the amount specified under the bond issue of \$425,000.

Individual suits against the city are also contemplated by property owners unless the sewer through the Dooley property is laid shortly, this having been promised more than two years ago, and its absence is regarded as a serious menace to health.

A meeting was held Monday night of the citizens and tax-payers in the eastern section of the annexed territory, embracing Marshall and Jefferson Wards. A lengthy discussion of the best method of compelling the city to provide ordinary improvements was held, a committee being appointed to carry out the plan. The meeting was well attended by taxpayers from each ward, and the charge was freely made that the fund for the annexed territory had been diverted to a few favored streets, while the greater part of the territory went unprotected.

SENIOR SWEENEY TO DRIVE

Electoral Board Accedes to Request of Citizens as to Wagon Route.

In response to the protest of a number of the citizens of Varina District, Henrico county, the Electoral Board of School Trustees decided at a meeting yesterday morning to accede to their request and have a manhater wheel wagon on route No. 2 to the Varina High School instead of Stewarts Sweeney, who was given the position when his father, John Sweeney, was awarded the contract. A number of the citizens testified that they had no objection to the boy personally, but declared that he was too young being only fifteen years old. John Sweeney, the father of the boy about whom the controversy arose, will be asked to take the route and drive the wagon himself. It is probable that he will be allowed a larger amount of money than he bid, as the board awarded the contract with the understanding that his son should drive the wagon in case his father was accepted. The High School will be formally opened Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The speakers will be State Superintendent J. D. Eggleston and John Stewart Bryan.

SUPREME COURT GRANTS WRIT OF ERROR IN BREWERY CASE

A writ of error and supersedeas has been granted by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia in the case of the Hoster-Columbus Breweries Association Company against Bruce, which comes up from the Court of Appeals after a reversal. The writ involves an action for rent and the lower court gave a judgment for \$500.

Hopkins Acquitted. Duck Hopkins (colored) was acquitted in the Hastings Court yesterday of the charge of maliciously wounding Reuben Johnson.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS

Buys Now

Suits, Overcoats & Raincoats

Which Sold Up to \$28.00

Solid color and fancy Overcoats; Black, Blue and Mixed Suits; Light and Cravenette Raincoats.

Gans-Rady Company

DELEGATES ARRIVE TO FIGHT FOR GOOD ROADS

CIVIL RIGHTS ON PUBLIC ROADS

Automobile Association of Virginia Asks Fair Laws and Rigid Enforcement.

Representatives from the various clubs of the Virginia Automobile Association were present at the annual meeting last night in the Business Men's Club. The absence of President Joseph E. Williams and Vice-President Abbott Morris, of Norfolk, Dr. R. Angus Nichols, president of the Richmond Club, occupied the chair. The meeting was enthusiastic and attended by delegates from nearly every city in the State. The officers, all of whom were re-elected for another year, are: Joseph E. Williams, president; Abbott Morris, vice-president; J. H. Martellier, of Roanoke, a second vice-president; Otis M. Alfriend, secretary and treasurer.

In a letter from President Williams to Secretary Alfriend, he made the following suggestions:

"I am permitted to suggest through you to the association two lines along which we may, as an association, accomplish a great deal. 'In cordially co-operation with the State, we will, with the good roads movement, now thoroughly inaugurated in Virginia, endeavor to secure the following suggestions:

"In equally cordial co-operation with the Automobile Association of America, in securing throughout the United States uniform and reasonable legislation pertaining to automobile, and especially in attaining this result in Virginia."

"It should be borne in mind that while the rights of all other classes of the traveling public should be protected, yet an automobile has a moral and legal right to the use of the roads under proper restrictions, and that the rights of others does not invade the rights of others, is entitled to equal legal protection."

"I feel that our association should also urge upon all automobilists a strict observance of the law, as the antagonism is directly the result of a non-observance of the law by reckless drivers, and from this cause many of us, in the legitimate pursuit of business or pleasure, are put to inconvenience and annoyance."

The recommendations of President Williams were adopted. It was also the sense of the body that each member would be willing to pay the tax of 10 cents proposed in the discussion of the motion the former statement that a tax of over 43 per cent would be paid. C. B. Richardson and Lewis Williams were appointed delegates to attend the good roads meeting to-day in the Jefferson Hotel. The clubs of Lynchburg and Staunton were elected as members of the association.

BATTERY WILL NOT GO

Howitzer Have No Overcoats and Will Not Attend Inauguration.

Though there was some disposition on the part of members of the Howitzer company to attend the inauguration, President Taft, in Washington, on March 4, it is now practically assured that the battery will not attend. Captain Myers paid fair and reasonable prices for the overcoats, and for this reason the officers did not think it advisable to take the trip. Captain Myers has had the overcoats for more than three years, but for some reason they have never been issued to the command.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings. At noon to-day the committee on advertisement of the Chamber of Commerce will meet and will discuss the plan of advertisement for the merchants and manufacturers and the advantages of the city for the year.

The convention committee, of which P. M. Fry is chairman, will meet at 10 o'clock this morning to consider plans for calling other conventions to the city for this year and 1910. The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Some of the most important questions of the year will come up before this meeting.